

Market Basket Prices Named For Week Beginning Today

New market basket prices announced today by H. G. Sandberg, OPA food pricing specialist for eight Southern California counties, show five declines in the Los Angeles area, affecting lettuce, 1944 red, yellow and brown dry and white pickling onions and loose packed oranges, and three advances involving strawberries, peas and spinach. These become effective here today and will carry through Wednesday, May 24, as the highest legal asking prices at retail. Prices and changes follow:

Lettuce (48 count, large), 12c head, same; (60 count, medium), 7c head, down 3; (72 count, small), 5c head, down 3. Tomatoes (field grown), 25c pound, same. Carrots (full

tops, minimum wt. 1 lb. per bunch), 7½c bunch, same; (clipped top, loose), 6c lb., same; (topped, loose), 5c lb., same. White cabbage, 2 lbs., 8c, same; red cabbage, 2 lbs., 11c, same.

Peas, 18c lb., up 2½. Potatoes (1943 crop), 5 lbs., 27c, same. Spinach (sold by weight), 9c lb., up 1. White, dry onions (1944 crop), 3 lbs., 25c, same; red, yellow or brown dry onions (1944 crop), 3 lbs., 25c, down 7; white, dry pickling and boiling onions (1944 crop), 3 lbs., 31c, down 3.

Eggplant, 14½c lb., same. Cucumbers (except hothouse), 13½c lb., same. Sweet potatoes, 3 lbs., 36c, same. Yams, 2 lbs., 36c, same. Kentucky Wonder snap beans, 17½c lb., same.

Oranges, valencia and navels, bought packed, 5 lbs., 58c, same; valencia and navels, bought loose, 5 lbs., 41c, down 1. Grapefruit, white, lemons, bought packed, 5 lbs., 59c, same; bought loose, 5 lbs., 42c, same. Bananas (in hands), 11c lb., same. Apples, all varieties, 2 lbs., 24c, same. Coconuts (in shell), 9c lb., same. Strawberries, 34c basket, up 2.

Note—Any retailer wishing to sell oranges or lemons on a per dozen basis or grapefruit on a per unit basis may do so provided the price thus established does not exceed the equivalent per pound price given above.

Why Warm Weather Is Required For Tomatoes and Egg Plants

Here's the latest "dope" on the canned food situation for 1944. It comes directly from the Department of Agriculture Victory garden committee in Washington, D. C.—canned fruits and vegetables for 1944—260 million standard cases as compared to 242 million in 1943. Military and government needs—149 million cases in '44 as compared to 86 million in '43.

Because of unexpectedly large home canning in 1943, part of the 1943 supply will be used in 1944 by civilians. In spite of this carryover, civilian supplies will be at least 30 to 40 percent below 1943.

Warm weather is reported to be coming some time between now and Christmas. "Normally" it can be expected about this time of year. Victory gardeners are advised to wait for "warm weather" for planting tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, etc. However, whether really warm or not, conditions are getting "right" for planting.

Why "right"? About the most important factor is that weeds in vacant lots, along fences, etc., are drying and dying and the insects on them are migrating to "greener pastures" or if they can't find a "pasture," they are dying. By waiting until this has occurred, young tomatoes, peppers and eggplants may escape infection with virus diseases long enough to set fruit and mature.

Tomato Culture
Pearson variety tomatoes are very satisfactory and are one of the most highly recommended varieties. They will set fruit during cooler nights than most other kinds. Cooler nights, averaging below 60 degrees, are one of the main reasons for failure of tomato plants to set fruit.

Space Pearson plants and any other tomatoes when trained on stakes, two or two and one-half feet apart down the row. If not on stakes, space Pearson, Earliana or Pritchard 3x4 or 4x4; Beefsteak, Stone and other varieties at least 4x5 or 5x5. Ground should be wet to four to five feet deep when tomato plants are set. This condition probably exists right now from rainfall. Set the plants carefully, two or three inches deeper than they were in the seedbed. Water them thoroughly at time of transplanting. If the weather is hot and dry, put up a temporary shade—single or two or three laths. A second watering within a week will help establish the plants—just enough to wet the ground just around the young developing roots. Tomatoes should not need a real irrigation for several weeks—probably two to three weeks on sandy soil, four or five weeks on heavy soil.

Weeds, of course, must be kept out. Clean culture will leave all the moisture in the ground for the tomato plants. Their roots will extend from three to five feet deep and will fill the space between rows and between plants.

Put the furrow at least one and one-half feet from the base of the plant—far enough that the soil at the crown will remain dry. Ordinarily one furrow between rows spaced four to five feet should be enough. Let the water stand in this furrow long enough to soak down three or four feet. This may take one to three hours in sandy soil or three to four or more hours in a heavy soil.

Repeat irrigations throughout the summer whenever soil at a foot depth becomes dry. In sandy soil this may be two to

three weeks. In heavy soil it may be four to five weeks. On any soil the interval will be shortened by hot dry weather.

Irrigation will not cause the blossoms to fall. The plants must have water, so maintain an adequate supply of moisture at all seasons. If blossoms fall, check the temperature. You'll find nights are cold!

Peppers and Eggplant
California Wonder is an excellent bell pepper variety. Get Anaheim Chili or Perfection if you want the hot kind. Space the plants two or two and one-half feet apart down the row, and if two rows have them two and one-half or three feet apart. Irrigation of young plants would be about the same as for tomatoes, but peppers will need more frequent irrigation during the growing season as they are much more shallow rooted.

Eggplants of the New York Black Beauty or Long Purple varieties will be satisfactory. Plants can be spaced two feet apart in a row and allow about three feet between rows. A dozen plants will give all of the "eggs" one family can use and then some. For success, eggplant must be kept growing vigorously. Apply side dressings of nitrogenous fertilizer at the first indication of slowing up of growth rate.

GARDEN GRAMS

Red spiders will be showing up on beans and other crops. Maybe they already have. Have you looked? Red spiders or mites are almost microscopic, look red, may be either on the top or bottom side of the leaves, and make a very fine cobweb-like covering when they get bad. They are sucking insects and live on the green coloring matter in the leaves. They are strictly bad medicine! Dusting with sulphur is about the most universal and simplest control, but get it on before there are many spiders.

Rough and crinkled leaves or yellow-green mottling of the leaves or dwarfing of leaves or combinations of these symptoms will indicate virus disease in potatoes. There is no cure. Tubers on infected plants seldom reach usable size. Therefore, there is everything to gain and nothing to lose by digging out and destroying the diseased plant promptly. Did you get certified seed and sterilize it? If not, put it down as a "must" for next year. It's not 100 percent safe, but market potatoes used for seed are about 100 percent unsafe.

Lettuce, spinach and chard which have been carried through cold weather will begin development of seedstalks—commonly called bolting—as the days become long and weather warm, but there is no control.

A green beetle, the size of a "ladybug," with 12 black spots on its back is serious on squash, melons, cucumbers, snap beans and several other kinds of vegetables. It is called the twelve-spotted cucumber beetle, is a chewing insect and must be fed a poison. Young seedlings will especially need protection—the beetles can easily ruin the stand. Repeat applications at ten-day intervals to cover new leaves. Dusts containing cryolite or calcium arsenate are effective, but must not be used after the edible parts are growing, because both materials are poisonous. Shift to pyrethrum or lathane at that stage of growth. Apply the latter dusts when temperatures are between 50 and 65 degrees F. if possible, in other words, during the cooler parts of the day.

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But by granny if ye put up other crops like beans and corn and things ye better use the cooker. Ain't no other way ye can git a can hot enuf ter kill the bacteria.

Lots of folks had trouble with the termaters last summer 'cause of bugs and diseases but don't be askeered ter try 'em agin. If yer startin' frum seed put it in some hot water fer 25 minutes. Water should be 125° F. That's what kills some of the diseases but ye got ter time it exact and keep the temperature jist right or ye won't do no good. Then before ye plant it, dust it with some red or yellow copper oxide. Way I do it is ter put the seed in a paper sack with a pinch of the copper oxide and shake 'em up together.

One of the diseases of termaters comes frum terbacker, so if ye smoke or chaw ye must wash yer hands before handlin' termater plants. Other diseases is brought by aphids, leafhoppers and thrip. If'n ye want healthy plants kill all the bugs on yer flowers and sich so they won't fly over ter the vegetables. Flowers, shrubs and weeds carry virus germs and the bugs gits it frum 'em. Dusting a leetle bordeaux mixture on helps too. It kills the fungus spores. Termaters don't take kindly ter too much fertilizer. Turns 'em all ter vine at the expense of the crop. Feed 'em but give it to 'em in small doses.

OBITUARY
LILLIAN M. B. COTTER
Mrs. Lillian Mae Belle Cotter, 50, of 2020 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, died Friday after a short illness. She had resided in Lomita for six months, coming here from Missouri, of which state she was a native.

Surviving are the widow, James M. Cotter, of Lomita, and her father, Henry Burke, of Ava, Mo.

The body was shipped Tuesday to Eldorado Springs, Mo., by Stone & Myers.

ELIZABETH JANE APPLIN
Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Applin, 68, who died Wednesday in a Redondo Beach rest home after a long illness, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel at 25001 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, with the Rev. J. E. Our officiating and Torrance Chapter, O.E.S., conducting the ritual. Burial was in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Mrs. Applin was a member of the Pythian Sisters, Redondo Beach, and Torrance Chapter, O.E.S.

She leaves the widower, Henry G. Applin of 24903 Cypress st., and three daughters, Mrs. Elsie Tappin, Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts and Mrs. Edith Thistle of Lomita.

VIRGO E. LARSEN
Funeral services for Virgo E. Larsen, 41, who died early Monday morning at Long Beach, were conducted by the Masonic lodge at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel, 614 Locust Ave., Long Beach. Interment was in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Mr. Larsen had lived in the Harbor area for 14 years. For some time he was connected with the California bank, serving as manager at Lomita and Terminal Island branches. At the time of his death he was owner and manager of the Fish Harbor Market. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Wenatche, Wash.

He leaves one son, Loren, and a brother, Oscar, living in Long Beach, and his mother, Mrs. Josephine Larsen of Hermosa Beach.

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BLOND JOHN FREDERICK DEMILLE . . . 2½-year-old grandson of movie magnate Cecil B. DeMille, was just out for a walk with his dog when police found them two hours after the youngster had disappeared from his home. The child is the son of John B. DeMille, banker-son of the movie producer.

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- Use all the water you need for cleanliness and for health. Drink what you need. Use what you need for cooking. Use the water you need for bathing and in the laundry—but Don't waste it.
- Use water on your lawn or your garden wisely. Don't water-log the ground. Better to irrigate it well as the rain would do, say once a week, than to sprinkle lightly every day.
- Avoid wasteful habits, such as letting the faucet run while you do something else.
- Don't accumulate piles of trash in the cellar or the attic or any other place around the home. That's a fire hazard and it takes water to put out fires.
- Don't let water fixtures leak—whether it be a drip or a deluge.

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